



# **Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)**

**March 3, 2021**

# Early Childhood Advisory Council

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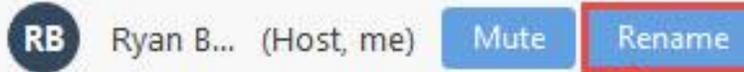
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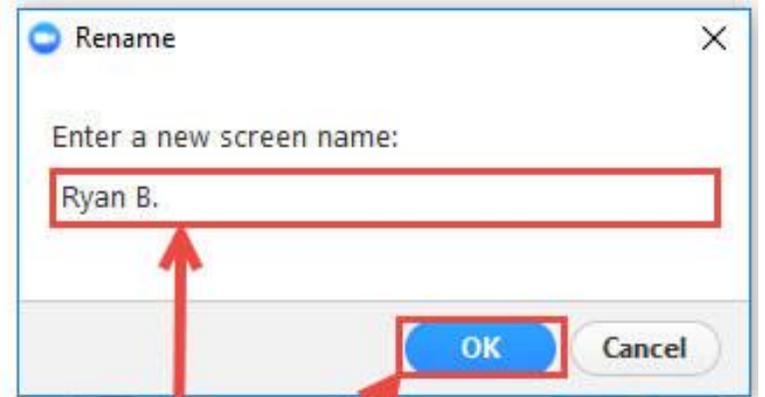


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# ECAC Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Old Business
- Co-Chair Updates
- Budget Updates
- ECAC Membership
- Advancing Opportunities for Children, Families and Communities:  
Equity, Leadership, and Early Childhood Systems Development
- Adjourn



# Old Business

- **Council Quorum**
- **December 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
  - Review
  - Motion to Approve



# Co-Chair Updates

**Carolyn Stanford Taylor**

State Superintendent, WI Department of Public Instruction (DPI)

**Emilie Amundson**

Secretary, Department of Children and Families (DCF)



# Our Purpose

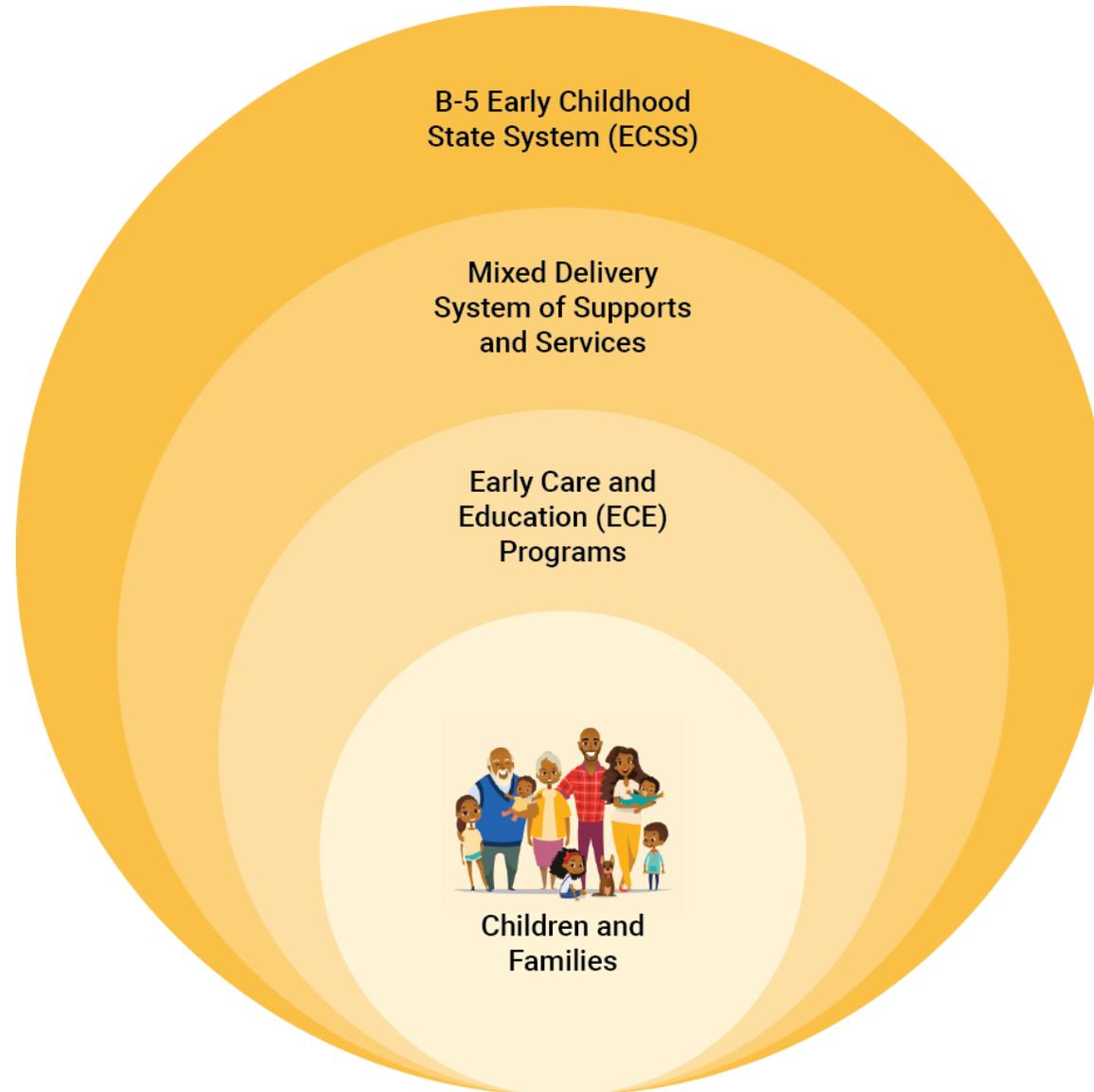
All Wisconsin families will have access to high-quality, affordable, local early care and education opportunities



2023



# B-5 Early Childhood State System



# Leadership Council on Early Years

B-5 Early Childhood  
State System (ECSS)



Mixed Delivery  
System of Supports  
and Services

Early Care and  
Education (ECE)  
Programs

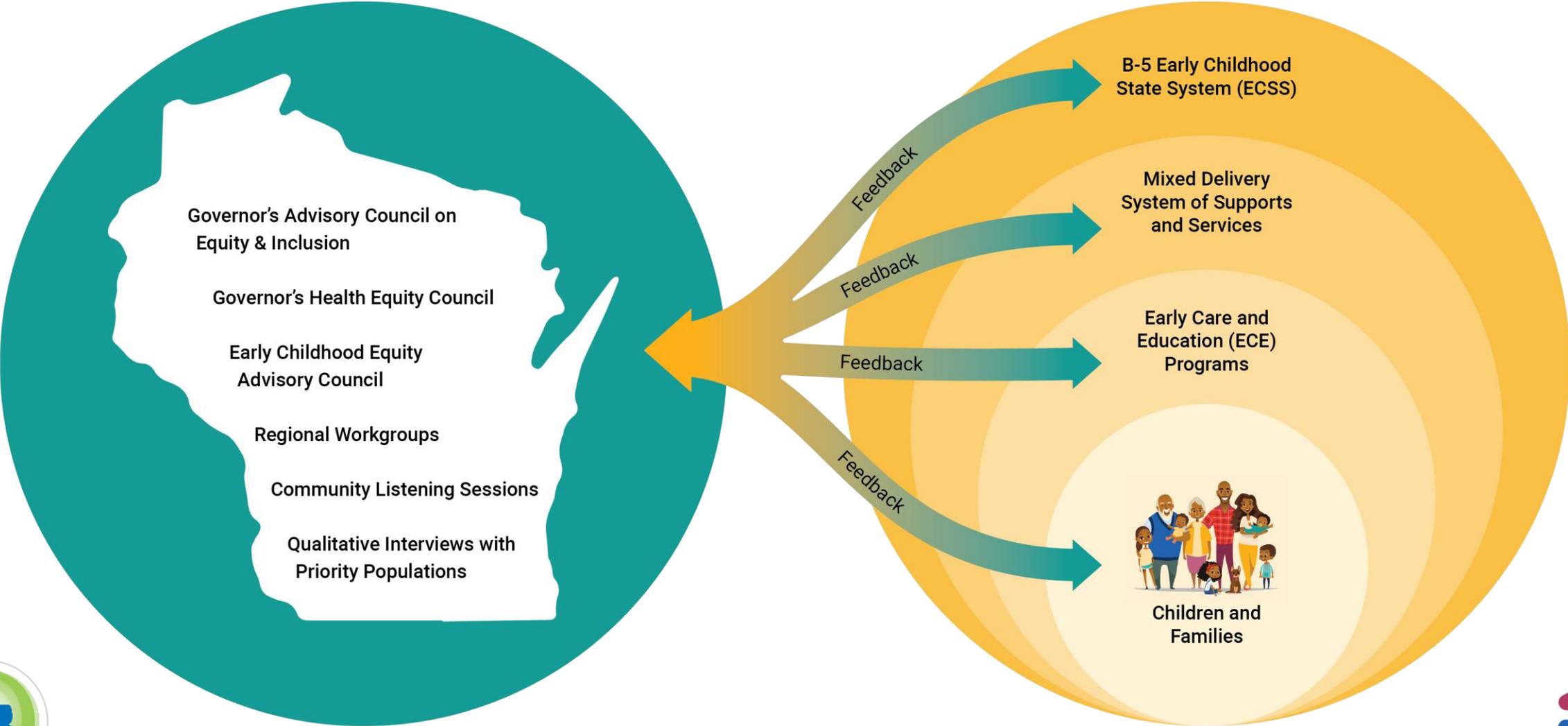


Children and  
Families

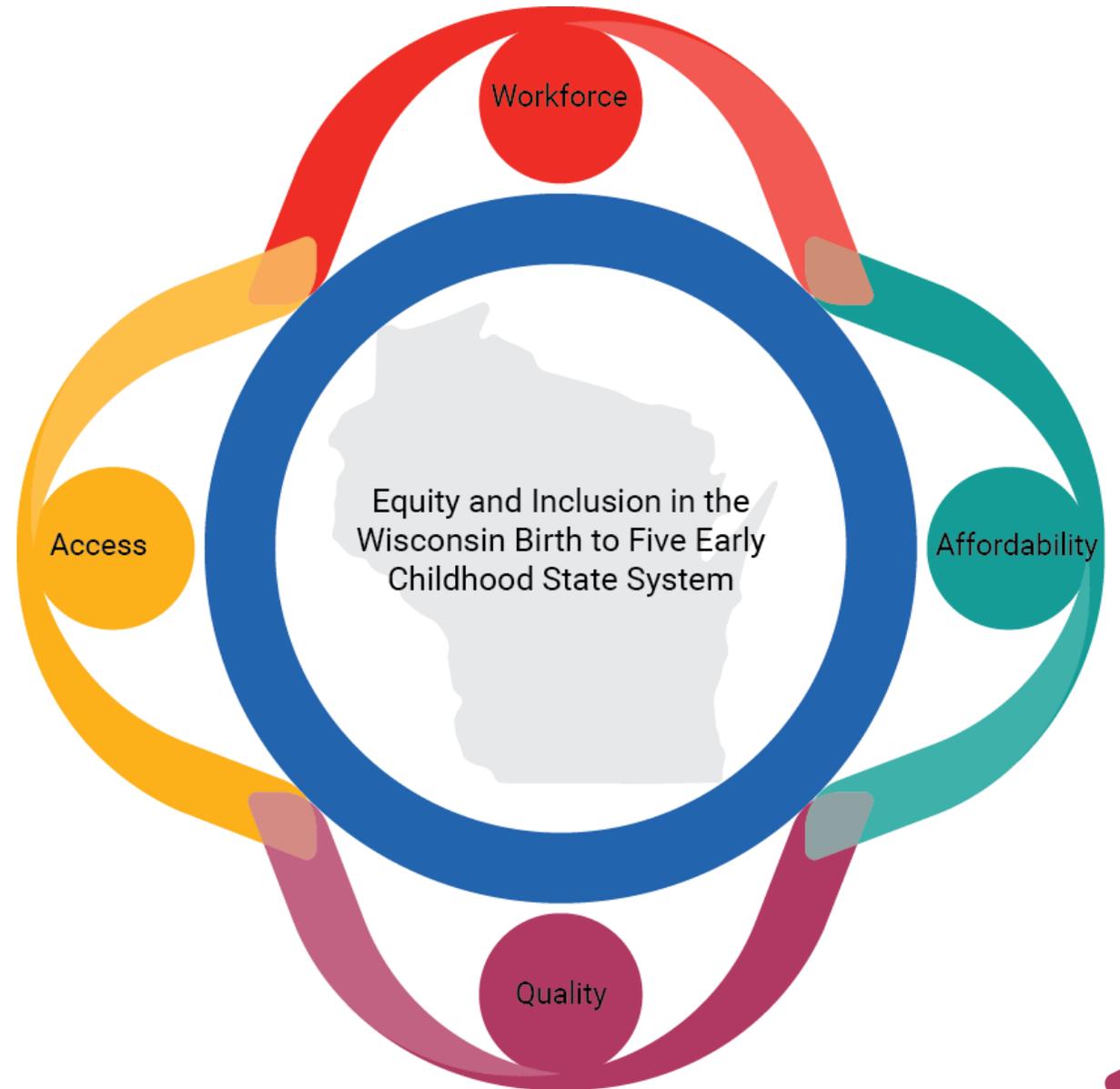
Date	Time	Tentative Topic
Wednesday, April 21	10:00am - noon	Economic Development
Tuesday, July 20	9:00 - 11:00am	Workforce
Thursday, Sept. 30	9:00 - 11:00am	Parents & Families



# Stakeholder Engagement to Ensure an Equity Lens



# Transforming Early Care and Education



# Budget Updates

## Investing in Early Care and Education: A Powerful Strategy

Funding to enhance an accessible, affordable, high-quality, and equitable early care and education system that values our educators, their families, and Wisconsin's economy.



**Immediate  
Relief**

**Collaboration  
& Innovation**

**Long-Term  
Investment**



# Immediate Relief



- ✓ Child Care Counts
- ✓ Temporary WI Shares Rate Increase
- Child Care Development Block Grant (CRRSA)
- K-12 ESSER II Funding



# Collaboration & Innovation

Collaboration  
& Innovation

- ✓ Preschool Development Grant Planning
- ✓ Preschool Development Grant Implementation
- ✓ WI Infant and Toddler Policy Project (WITPP)
- ✓ 53206 Initiative
- ✓ Head Start Funding



# Long-Term Investment



## Child Care Strong

Making critical investments in Wisconsin's early care and education field to support families, communities, and the economy



### Child Care Strong has two goals:

1. Targeting the high cost of infant and toddler care, and
2. Lifting wages of the early care and education workforce to retain top talent.

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing structural problems in the child care industry and laid bare its critical importance to Wisconsin's communities and economy. Throughout the public health emergency, Wisconsin led by prioritizing the needs of the early care and education community and we need to continue those vital investments.

The centerpiece of the Governor's early care and education budget, Child Care Strong is a \$106 million investment over the biennium in our early care and education system that provides bonus payments and per child stipends to providers to address quality, affordability, accessibility, and equity for children both in Wisconsin Shares and unsubsidized childcare.

Child Care Strong consists of three separate programs:

**Base payments of up to \$250 per month**, providing resources for providers to meet regulatory and quality requirements

**A bonus payment of up to \$150 per month** for providers who serve at least 25% infant and toddlers, incentivizing the provision of care to infants and toddlers

**Per child monthly stipends** for YoungStar 3-, 4-, and 5-star programs, with higher stipend amounts for infants, toddlers, and Wisconsin Shares recipients, helping providers maintain and increase their quality

All programs require providers to allocate more than half of the total monthly payments towards staff salaries and benefits

- Child Care Strong
- Focus on Social Emotional T/TA
- REWARD
- Full-Day 4K



**All Regulated Providers/Programs**

Base Amount per  
Provider/Program: up to \$250



Bonus Amount per  
Provider/Program (25% Infant  
and Toddlers): up to \$150

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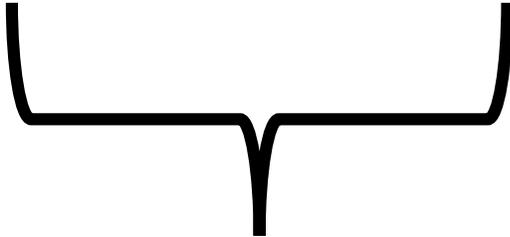


**All Providers/Programs  
Participating in YoungStar  
(3, 4, and 5 star)**

Per Child Stipend

**All Providers/Programs  
Participating in YoungStar and Child  
Receives Shares  
(3, 4, and 5 star)**

Per Child Stipend



#2



# ECAC Membership

- **Role of public**
- **Next steps**



# ECAC Council Meeting

**Meeting Break  
(10 minutes)**



# **Advancing Opportunities for Children, Families and Communities: Equity, Leadership, and Early Childhood Systems Development**

Dr. Sherri Killins Stewart  
Director of System Alignment and Integration  
Co-Director of State Services  
BUILD Initiative



# Next Steps and Adjourn



Thank you!

